

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peterson, et al.)
 Serial No: 10/813,107)
 Filed: March 30, 2004)
 Title: Process For Producing Smoking Articles With)
 Reduced Proclivity Characteristics And Products)
 Made According to Same)



Group Art Unit: 1731
 Examiner: Unknown
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| Independent Claims | 4 | 3 | 1 | x \$200 = | \$ 200.00 |
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Dear Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the claims as follows.

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